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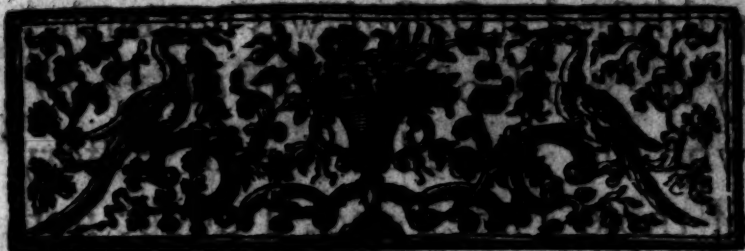
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Paris, Oct. 26, 1731.

I HAVE lately seen an
Extract of some Passages
in Mr. *Oldmixon's* History
of *England*. The first
of them is said to be taken from his
Preface to that History, *page 9.* and
runs in these Words.

“ I have, in more than one Place
“ of this History, mention'd the great
“ Reason there is to suspect, that the
“ History of the Rebellion, as it was
A 2 “ published

' published at *Oxford*, was not entire-
 ' ly the Work of the Lord *Clarendon*;
 ' who did indeed write an History
 ' of those Times, and, I doubt not,
 ' a very good one; wherein, as I
 ' have been (I believe) well inform'd,
 ' the *Characters* of the *Kings*, whose
 ' Reigns are written, were different
 ' from what they appear in the *Ox-*
 ' *ford* History and its Copy, Mr. *E-*
 ' *chard's*. I speak this by Hear-say,
 ' but *Hear-say* from a Person superior
 ' to all Suspicion, and too illustrious to
 ' be named, without Leave.

' I also humbly refer it to the
 ' Decision of another very honourable
 ' Person, whether there is not, to
 ' his Knowledge, such an History, in
 ' Manuscript, still extant; and to a
 ' Reverend Doctor, now living, whe-
 ' ther he did not see the *Oxford* Co-
 ' py, by which the Book was printed,
 ' altered,

altered, and interpolated, while it
 ' was at the Press.

' To which I must add, that there
 ' is now in custody of a Gentleman of
 ' Distinction, both for Merit and Qua-
 ' lity, a History of the Rebellion, of
 ' the first Folio Edition, scored, in
 ' many Places, by Mr. Edmund Smith,
 ' of Christ-Church, Oxon, Author of
 ' that excellent Tragedy, *Phædra*
 ' and *Hippolytus*; who himself al-
 ' ter'd the Manuscript History, and
 ' added what he has there mark'd,
 ' as he confessed, with some of his
 ' last Words, before his Death. These
 ' Alterations, written with his own
 ' Hand, and to be seen by any one
 ' that knows it, may be published,
 ' on another Occasion, with a farther
 ' Account of this Discovery. In
 ' the mean time, for the Satisfaction
 ' of the Public, I insert a Letter,
 ' entire,

entire, which I received since the
last Paragraph was written.

To Mr. * * * *

S I R,

Accidentally looking on some
of the Sheets of your History
of *England*, during the Reigns
of the Royal House of *Stuart*, at the
Bookseller's, I find that you mention
the History of Lord *Clarendon*,
wherein you justly question the
Genuineness of that Book: In order
to put the Matter out of doubt,
I here send you the following Account.

Mr. *Edmund Smith*, a Man very
well known to the learned World,
came down to make me a Visit at
*** about *June*, 1710, where he
continued till he died, about six
Weeks after.

As

' As our Conversation chiefly ran
 ' upon Learning and History, you may
 ' easily think, that *Clarendon's* was not
 ' forgotten: Upon mentioning that
 ' Book, he frankly told me, that there
 ' had been a fine History written by
 ' Lord *Clarendon*, but what was pub-
 ' lished under his Name was only
 ' Patchwork, and might as properly
 ' be call'd, the *History of AL-SMALL-*
 ' and ATTERBURY: For, to his
 ' Knowledge, 'twas alter'd; nay, that
 ' he himself was employ'd by them to
 ' interpolate and alter the Original.

' He then asked me, whether I
 ' had the Book by me? if I had, he
 ' would convince me of the Truth of his
 ' Assertion, by the very printed Copy:
 ' I immediately brought him the Fo-
 ' lio Edition; and the first Thing he
 ' turned to was the Character of
 ' Mr. *Hampden*, where is that Ex-
 ' pression:

' preffion: He had a Head to con-
 ' trive, a Heart to conceive, and a Hand
 ' to execute any Villany.† He then
 ' declared, it was foisted in by those
 ' Reverends. Sir, I have only to add
 ' this, that he not only underlined
 ' this Passage, as a Forgery, but gave,
 ' during the short Time he lived
 ' with me, the same Remark to some
 ' Hundreds more.

I am, SIR, &c.

In a second Passage, said to be
 taken from page 227. of the History
 itself, Mr. Oldmixon is represented as
 expressing himself thus.

† The Words are much softer in the History,
 where, instead of *a Heart to conceive*, we find,
a Tongue to persuade; and instead of the Word
Villany, that of *Mischief*; as the Citation is,
 in another Part of this Extract, truly made.
 The unknown Writer of this Letter, while he is
 charging others with the Crime of falsifying Lord
Clarendon's History, should have taken care to
 stand clear of it himself.

' In

‘ In the Character of this great
 ‘ and excellent Man, Mr. *Hampden*,
 ‘ which we could wish had escaped
 ‘ his (Lord *Clarendon*’s) Drawings,
 ‘ or the Drawings of those clumsy
 ‘ Painters, into whose Hands his
 ‘ Work fell, there is something so
 ‘ very false and base, that such Coin
 ‘ could only come from a College
 ‘ Mint. (*In a word, what was said*
 ‘ *of CINNA might well be apply’d to*
 ‘ *HAMPDEN*; he had a Head to con-
 ‘ trive, and a Tongue to persuade, and
 ‘ a Hand to execute any Mischief. His
 ‘ Death, therefore, seemed to be a great
 ‘ Deliverance to the Nation.)

‘ There are not Words to express
 ‘ the Infamy of this Slander and Impos-
 ‘ ture, nor the unparallel’d Wickedness
 ‘ of those Doctors, who foisted so horrid
 ‘ a Reflection into that Character. The
 ‘ Person who did it was Mr. *Edmund*

‘ *Smith, of Oxford, Author of Phædra*
 ‘ *and Hippolytus, a Tragedy; who,*
 ‘ *at his Death, confessed to the Gen-*
 ‘ *tleman, in whose House he died,*
 ‘ *that, among a great Number of*
 ‘ *Alterations and Additions, which he*
 ‘ *himself made, in the History of the*
 ‘ *Rebellion, by Order of Doctor ALD-*
 ‘ *RICH, Doctor ATTERBURY, and*
 ‘ *Doctor SMALLRIDGE, successive*
 ‘ *Deans of Christ-Church, this very*
 ‘ *Saying of CINNA, apply’d to Mr.*
 ‘ *Hampden, was one; and when he*
 ‘ *read it to one of those Doctors, he*
 ‘ *clapped him on the Back, and*
 ‘ *cry’d, with an Asseveration, It will*
 ‘ *do. The Confession Mr. Smith*
 ‘ *made, and the Remorse he ex-*
 ‘ *pressed for being concerned in this*
 ‘ *Imposture, were his last Words.*

A great Part of the first of these Passages, including the Letter, is translated *verbatim* into French, and published in a Journal, entitled, *Bibliothèque Raisonnée des Ouvrages des Savans de l'Europe, pour les Mois de Juillet, Aoust, Septembre 1730. Tome 5me, 1re Partie. A Amsterdam, chez les Westeins & Smith 1730. Art. 5. Pag. 154, &c.*

After which, the *Journalist* adds the following Reflection.

Cette decouverte fait peu d'honneur aux trois Theologiens qui sont nommez dans la Lettre, & qui ont pourtant tenu un grand rang dans l'Angleterre, & dans la Republique des Lettres. Comme Mr. ATTERBURY, ci-devant Evêque de Rochester, l'un des trois est encore vivant, il ne sera pas apparemment insensible a une accusation si grave;

¶ le Public attend de lui les eclaircissements que l'interest seul de sa reputation semble en exiger. S'il se tait, dans cette rencontre, il n'y a point de doute que la falsification est prouvee ; ¶ quand mesme il ne se tairoit pas, il faut que les eclaircissements soient bien forts pour detruire ces faits.

This Discovery does little Honour to the three Divines named in the Letter, &c. As Mr. ATTERBURY, heretofore Bishop of Rochester, one of the Three, is still living, he will not probably be insensible of so grievous an Accusation ; and the Publick expects from him such Accounts of it, as even the Interest of his own Reputation seems to require. If he is silent on this Occasion, there can be no doubt, but that the Falsification is proved ; and should he not be silent, what he shall say, to clear up this Matter,

*Matter, must be very strong, to destroy
the Credit of such a Testimony.*

Being called upon in this public
Manner, I think myself obliged to
declare, that the foregoing Account,
in all its Parts, as far as I am any
ways concerned, is entirely false and
groundless; for I never saw my Lord
Clarendon's History in Manuscript, ei-
ther before, or since the Edition of
it; nor ever read a Line of it, but
in Print. It was impossible, there-
fore, that I should deal with Mr.
Smith in the Manner represented,
with whom (as far as I can recollect)
I never exchanged one Word in all
my Life; and whom I know not
that I ever saw, till after the Edition
of that History. If therefore he ex-
pressed himself to this Purpose, in
his last Moments (as I charitably
hope

hope he did not) he wronged me, extreamly, and died with a Lie in his Mouth.

This Vindication of the Truth and myself, is necessary, since I happen to survive the two other worthy Persons mentioned. Were they alive, they would, I doubt not, be equally able and ready to clear themselves from so foul an Aspersion. As to one of them, Dr. *Smallridge*, the late Bishop of *Bristol*, no Suspicion of this kind can possibly rest on his Memory, because he was not any ways concerned in preparing that History for the Press; but as much a Stranger to the Contents of it, as I myself was, till it came forth in Print. I speak with the more Assurance on this Head, because my great Intimacy with him, as my Contemporary, both at *Westminster* and *Christ-Church*,

Christ Church, gave me all the Advantages requisite towards knowing the Truth of what I say: With Dr. *Aldrich*, the third Person accused, I was acquainted more at a distance: However, being called upon in the Manner I am, I will add also what has come to my Knowledge, with regard to the Share He and Others had in the Publication of that History.

The Revising of the Manuscript (written, as I have heard, not very correctly) was committed to the Care of Bishop *Sprat*, and Dean *Aldrich*, by the late Earl of *Rocheſter*; who himself also assisted in that Reviſal, from the Beginning to the End of the Work: So that any Changes, made in it, muſt have had the Conſent of thoſe three Perſons. They were Men of Probity and Truth, and

incapable of conspiring in a Design to impose on the Publick. I can cite nothing, that is material in this Point, from the Mouth of the Earl, with whom I rarely conversed; but the Bishop and the Dean, to whom I severally succeeded in the Deaneries of *Christ-Church* and *Westminster*, and in the See of *Rockester*, have occasionally more than once assured me, that no Additions whatsoever were made to the Manuscript History: And even the Earl, in his Preface to the first Volume (for His I take it to be, tho' no Name is affixed to it) has publickly protested His Innocence in this respect, where he declares, that *They who put forth the History* (he means himself and his Brother, as appears from what follows) *durst not take upon them to make*

any Alterations in a Work of this Kind, solemnly left with them to be publish'd, whenever it should be publish'd, as it was delivered to them.

Could he, and the two other Persons by him employed, be supposed to have made any Additions, notwithstanding such Assurances to the contrary, yet their good Sense (if not their Integrity) would have prevented, at least, their re-touching those Characters, which are allowed to be the most distinguished and beautiful Part of the Work, and to have something of Original in them that is not to be imitated. The After-strokes of any less able Pencil, intermix'd with those of the first Masterly Hand, would soon be discovered: And yet I am persuaded, the most discerning Eye can find out no Traces

of such a Mixture; no, not in the Character of Mr. *Hampden*, even in those Words, at the Close of it, against which Mr. *Oldmixon* so warmly declaims: They are perfectly in the Style and Manner of my Lord *Clarendon*; they contain nothing new in them, but only sum up, in short, what he had scattered through different Parts of the two first Volumes. Let the Reflections there made be never so severe, they may naturally be supposed, in the Warmth of Composition, to have come from the Pen of an Historian, who had himself with Zeal opposed Mr. *Hampden's* Measures, and both seen and felt the sad Consequences of them: But that the Editors of his History, no ways concerned in those Transactions, should, 60 Years afterwards, coolly

coolly and deliberately make such a needless Infertion, is not to be imagined.

The Complaint, on this and other Heads, should have been brought against these Editors, while it was capable of being thoroughly examined ; at present, it comes a little too late, unless it were better supported : Their very Characters, to those who knew them, and the Nature of the Evidence, to those who did not, will be judged a sufficient Confutation of it : For, pray, what is this Evidence ? It consists in an *Hearsay from a Person, superiour to all Suspicion*, it seems, but *too illustrious to be named* : In an Appeal to another very honourable Person, to a Reverend Doctor now living, and to a Gentleman of Distinction, both for
Merit

Manner and Quality; none of whose Names are thought fit to be owned: The only one produced in the Case is that of Mr. *Smith*, the Author of an excellent Tragedy; but certainly not an Author of Rank and Weight enough to blast the Credit of such an excellent History: Of what Use can his Testimony be to this Purpose (even supposing the Account of it exact) when it is undoubtedly false, as to two of the three Persons it is levelled at, Dr. *Smallridge* and myself; and may therefore be justly presumed alike false, as to the third, Dr. *Aldrich*? Mr. *Smith* appears to have been so little in the Secret of the Edition of that Book, as not to have known even the Hands thro' which it passed; and is not therefore to be rely'd upon in his Accounts

counts of many other Circumstances relating to it, especially with regard to Dr. Aldrich, his Governor at *Christ-Church*; for whom his personal Aversion, and the true Reasons of it, are too well understood to need explaining. I forbear saying any thing harsh of one, not able to answer for himself; but many, now alive, who knew them both, know how improbable, and (altogether incredible it is, that Mr. Smith should have had the least Share in Dr. Aldrich's Confidence, on so nice, or, indeed, on any Occasion. The Gentleman, who seems to be convinced of the Truth of Mr. Smith's Assertion, by his having pointed out and underlined the Passages, in Print, which he said he was employ'd (by the three successive Deans) to interpolate

and

and after, in Manuscript, must surely have been very willing to be convinced; otherwise, he would not have taken a mere *Affertion* for a Proof, in such a Cause, and from such a Person. The Story of this Death-bed Declaration slept for about twenty Years; near thirty have passed since the History of the Rebellion was published (I mean the first Part of it) and not a few, since the Death of every Person that either was, or is falsely said to have been, concerned in that Publication, myself only excepted. I might, probably, at the Distance of *Montpelier*, where I was when Mr. *Oldmixon* wrote, never have heard of what he lays to my Charge (Intelligence of that Kind Being, as he knows, not very open to me) or, should it reach
 me,

me, I might yet, in my present Circumstances, be supposed not oversollicitous to appear in the Disproof of it. The Delay of the Accusation therefore, if without Design, was not without its Advantages; and had it been deferred a little longer, till I was not only out of the Way, but out of the World, it had had a still fairer Chance towards being uncontradicted, and consequently credited. I have lived to hear this idle Tale, and to bear witness against it: There is no Vanity in hoping, that, old as I am, I shall outlive the Belief of it. An *Holland* Journal gave me the first Notice how I had been treated, and by that Means an Opportunity of vindicating myself; which I was the rather determined not to decline, because I suffer'd in company with others,

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thers, Men of great Note and Merit, thro' whose Sides the Authority of a noble and useful Part of our *English* History was struck at. Where I only am aspersed and wrong'd, I can, I thank God, more easily practise Patience, and submit to Indignities and Injuries in Silence. A foreign Writer has used me, in this Case, with greater Civility, and Temper, than Mr. *Oldmixon*, whom I know not that I have ever offended. I forgive him his ill Words, and his hard Thoughts, and only desire him for the future not to indulge himself in ill-natur'd Relations of this Kind, without better Vouchers. His Attack on me, and on the Dead, who he thought might be insulted with equal Safety, is no Proof of a generous and worthy Mind; nor has he
done

any Honour to his own History, by the fruitless Pains he has taken to discredit that of my Lord *Clarendon*; which, like the Character of its Author, will gain Strength by Time; and will be in the Hands and Esteem of all Men, when Mr. *Oldmixon's* unjust Censure of it will not be remember'd, or not regarded.

FR. ROFFEN.





A TRUE
COPY
OF THE
Earl of CLARENDON'S
Last Will and TESTAMENT.



EDWARD, Earl of
CLARENDON, do ordain
this my LAST WILL and
TESTAMENT.

Imprimis, I commit my Soul to
God: And make the Executors of
this said Last Will, my two Sons,
HENRY

HENRY Viscount *Cornbury*, and
LAWRENCE HYDE, Esq;:

And commend to them the Care
 of my Servants, who have behaved
 themselves very carefully and ho-
 nestly to Me. And likewise recom-
 mend their Sister **FRANCES**
HYDE to *their Kindness*: To
 whom I am able to leave nothing
 but *their Kindness*.

Item, I give and bequeath, to my
 said two Sons, all my Papers and
 Writings of what Kind soever: And
 leave them entirely to their Dispo-
 sal, as they shall be advised, either
 as to Suppressing or Publishing, by
 the Advice and Approbation of my
 Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury* &

§ Dr. **SANGROFF**.

and

and the Bishop of *Winchester* ||, whom
I do intreat to be the Overseers of
this my Will: And, that they would
be both Suitors to his Majesty, on
my Children's Behalf, who have all
possible Need of his Majesty's Char-
ity, being *Children of a Father who*
never committed Fault against his Ma-
jesty.

At *Rouen*, this eleventh Day of
December, in the Year of our Lord,
One thousand, six hundred, seven-
ty and four.

CLARENDON.

|| Dr. **MORLEY.**



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*H. PECCEUS, Serenis. Regis
Mag. Brit. Medicus.*

HUMPH. WILKINS.

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